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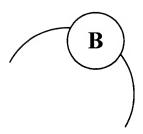
Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

Claims 1-12 and 14-18 are rejected under 35 USC 112, first and second paragraphs, for the reasons set forth.

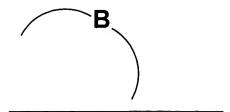
The foregoing amendments are believed to overcome each of the grounds of rejection set forth in the Official Action.

Item 1. 35 USC 112, Second Paragraph

- (a) All of the parenthetical expressions in the present claims are deleted to clarify the description and to overcome the Examiner's rejection.
- (b) According to the Examiner's proposal, the expression, "B₁, B₂, ---, B_{n-1}, B_n" is amended to, for example, "B₁, B₂, B₃, B₄, B₅ and B₆" and the like specifically in order to clarify the meaning of the symbols "B₁, B₂, B₃, B₄, B₅ and B₆".
- (c) Similarly to the above item 1(b), expression " B_1 , B_{1+1} and B_{1+2} " is amended to, for example, B_1 , B_2 , and B_3 " and the like.
- (d) The phrase "when $B_1, B_2, \ldots, B_{n-1}$ and B_n , are each independently C, then $B'_1, B'_2, \ldots, B'_{n-1}$ and B'_n are oxo, is deleted.
- (e) The present formula B:



is amended to



in which the encircled symbol is deleted as suggested by the Examiner.

- (f) Claims 15 and 16 are revised into "method" claims. Claim 15 is directed to a method of inhibiting Cdk and claim 16 is directed to a method for treatment of cancer.
- The rejection of Claims 2-12 and 14-18 is overcome by the above (g) amendments.

Item 2. 35 USC 112, First Paragraph

The above amendment in Item 1(d) is believed to overcome the Examiner's rejection.

Accordingly, these 112 grounds of rejection are believed to be overcome.

Item 3. Claim Objections

The Examiner's objection to Claim 13 is overcome after the rejection of Claim 1 is overcome since claim 13 is dependent on Claim 1.

In view of the foregoing, favorable reconsideration and allowance is solicited.

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